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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the twelfth session

The twelfth session of the Board will be opened by the President of the eleventh session, Mrs. T. M. Machado Quintella (Brazil).

Item 2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 also stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the twelfth session, the President should be elected among the African States members of the Board in list A of Annex I to the Constitution, and the three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board from list B, from the Asian States in list A and from list D respectively. The office of the Rapporteur should be occupied by a representative of a member of the Board in list C.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda for the twelfth session

A provisional agenda for the twelfth session was adopted by the Board at its eleventh session (IDB.11/Dec.42). In accordance with rule 12, two supplementary items are being proposed, namely items 9 and 10 (see IDB.12/1). Supporting statements for the inclusion of the two supplementary items are provided in the present document under the respective items. The provisional agenda with the proposed supplementary items is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.12/1.

Item 4. Annual report of the Director-General for 1993 on the activities of the Organization

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference at its fourth session requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11, and to continue including therein the tabular presentation of significant performance indicators and the comparison of outputs implemented against outputs planned for the period covered by the annual report, as shown in document GC.4/35. Consequently, the annual report provides, parallel to the description of the activities carried out in 1993, the significant performance indicators and the comparison of outputs implemented against outputs planned for the biennium 1992-1993 as described in the programme and budgets, 1992-1993 (GC.4/42) adopted by the General Conference at its fourth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (IDB.12/2)
- List of resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme of relevance to UNIDO (conference room paper)

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request Members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report on the activities of the Organization. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

Item 5. UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1993

By decision IDB.7/Dec.11, the Board at its seventh session requested the Director-General to present an annual report on technical cooperation activities of UNIDO, containing a clear delineation of the budgetary phases of the execution of the

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technical cooperation projects within a clear and detailed execution frame. The General Conference in resolution GC.4/Res.3 and decision GC.4/Dec.11 and the Board in its decision IDB.9/Dec.7 requested the Director-General to take a number of actions related to technical cooperation. Reports on their implementation were submitted both to the Board and the General Conference in documents IDB.9/3 and IDB.11/11-GC.5/10, chapter II.

At its eleventh session, the Board in its decision IDB.11/Dec.8 requested the Director-General to continue his efforts to implement those actions; to continue improving the quality of technical cooperation projects as indicated in paragraph 26 of document IDB.11/11-GC.5/10; and to present his recommendations to the twelfth session of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (IDB.12/2, in particular chapters III and V)
- Development of a quality management system for UNIDO technical cooperation activities. Report by the Director-General (IDB.12/8)
- List of technical cooperation projects approved and/or operational in 1993 (conference room paper)

Item 6. Industrialization of the least developed countries in the 1990s

The Conference at its fourth session adopted two resolutions related to the least developed countries. In resolution GC.4/Res.10, the Conference adopted the industrial action programme for the least developed countries (PI/114). In resolution GC.4/Res.9, the Conference called upon the Director-General to continue to accord highest priority to the least developed countries in programmes of the Organization in order to assist in the implementation of the Paris Declaration and Programme of Action of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and, within that context, to develop and strengthen key priority sectors in the medium-term plan of UNIDO. Subsequently, the Board at its eleventh session (decision IDB.11/Dec.13) called for a number of actions including requests to the Director-General to pay particular attention to the subject in the reform exercise of UNIDO and to continue to accord highest priority to the least developed countries in the programme of the Organization, and to report on the implementation of Conference resolutions GC.4/Res.9 and GC.4/Res.10 to the fifth session of the General Conference and the twelfth session of the Board.

Accordingly, a first report on the subject (GC.5/17), was presented by the Director-General to the General Conference at its fifth session. Parallel to that event, UNIDO organized the Second Ministerial Symposium on the Industrialization of the Least Developed Countries. The General Conference at its fifth session adopted resolution GC.5/Res.16 in which it reiterated the requests of the Board and further requested the Director-General to take appropriate measures to implement the conclusions and recommendations of the Second Ministerial Symposium and to present a report on the implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.16 to the Conference at its sixth session through the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (IDB.12/2, chap. III, paras. 40-43)
- Industrialization of the least developed countries in the 1990s. Report by the Director-General (IDB.12/6)

Item 7. UNIDO's contribution to the System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

In its decision IDB.11/Dec.7, the Board recalled the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 44/141, 45/179 and 47/100 concerning the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, and recognized the contribution that UNIDO could make in the field of industrial development to the effective implementation of the relevant sectors of the Global Programme of Action. In that context the Board requested the Director-General to designate an agenda item for the Board to consider UNIDO's contribution to the System-Wide Action Plan and to ensure that activities relating to drug abuse control be reflected in the relevant programmes of the Organization. It also requested the Director-General, in close cooperation with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to extend, as appropriate, UNIDO assistance to Member States in the promotion and implementation of the Global Programme of Action and to follow the implementation of the relevant sections of that Programme within the mandate of UNIDO. At the same time the Director-General was urged to seek access to additional voluntary funding, including resources from the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, for the implementation of the System-Wide Action Plan activities of UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO's contribution to the System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control. Report by the Secretariat (IDB.12/4)

Item 8. Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Further to the approval by the General Conference (resolution GC.4/Res.11) of the proposed framework for the UNIDO-wide programme for economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (ECDC/TCDC), contained in paragraph 12 of document GC.4/7, the Board in its decisions IDB.9/Dec.8 and IDB.11/Dec.16 requested the Director-General to undertake a number of actions aimed at strengthening ECDC/TCDC activities. In its decision IDB.11/Dec.16 the Board also requested the Director-General to strengthen the programme for ECDC/TCDC and to identify and exploit its potential more fully in order to achieve more tangible results, as well as

to seek information from developing countries regarding their needs/capacities in the field of industrial development with a view to identifying and promoting specific ECDC/TCDC activities and opportunities, and to report on his conclusions and recommendations to the Board.

Subsequently, the General Conference at its fifth session (resolution GC.5/Res.10) addressed a number of requests to the Director-General aimed at enhancing industrial ECDC/TCDC, and also requested him to report on the implementation of the resolution, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (IDB.12/2, chap. III, paras. 14-19)

- Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries. Report by the Director-General (IDB.12/3)

Item 9. Future policy framework of UNIDO - organizational and staff structure

At its fifth session in resolution GC.5/Res.18 the General Conference, recalling Board decision IDB.11/Dec.40 and reaffirming the need to revitalize the Organization for the effective achievement of its constitutional mandates, approved the proposals of the Director-General on the future policy framework of UNIDO and its organizational and staff structure outlined in document GC.5/23 and requested the Director-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the resolution to the Board at its twelfth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Policy framework of UNIDO - organizational and staff structure. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.12/5)

Item 10. Operational activities for development

The United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 47/199 on triennial policy review of the operational activities for development within the United Nations system addressed a number of issues and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the provisions of the resolutions were fully implemented by the organizations of the United Nations system. The General Assembly also called upon the governing bodies of the specialized agencies to take appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and requested the respective executive heads to submit a yearly progress report to their governing bodies on measures taken and to be taken for its implementation.

Subsequently, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly adopted resolutions 1993/7 and 48/209 respectively on the same subject.

The Board will have before it:

- Operational activities for development. Report by the Director-General (IDB.12/9)

Item 11. Electronic data-processing programme of UNIDO

The General Conference at its fourth session in its decision GC.4/Dec.18 requested the Director-General, with a view to ensuring the transparency of all operations concerning the electronic data-processing (EDP) programme and avoiding a repetition of past difficulties, to report to the subsequent sessions of the policy-making organs on the programme and cost of implementing the consultants' recommendations and the recommendations of the External Auditor, as contained in documents GC.4/CRP.1 and GC.4/50, especially those concerning the disaster recovery plan, the organizational and functional changes and the internal control and evaluation of automation projects. It also requested the Director-General to keep Member States fully apprised of the EDP programme by quarterly briefings and informal notes (GC.4/Dec.18, para. (i)). In the past such briefings have taken place on a regular basis and progress reports were submitted to the eighth and ninth session of the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC.8/15, PBC.8/CRP.2 and PBC.9/6), the ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions of the Board (IDB.9/12, IDB.10/30 and IDB.11/23), and the fifth session of the General Conference (GC.5/27).

The Board will have before it:

- Electronic data-processing programme of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.12/7)

Item 12. Provisional agenda and date of the thirteenth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A draft provisional agenda for the thirteenth session will be submitted to the Board in the course of its twelfth session. Concerning the date of the thirteenth session, the attention of the Board is drawn to the following reservations made for the policy-making organs of UNIDO for the remainder of 1994:

20-24 June (final) - PBC - tenth session

7-11 November (tentative) - IDB - thirteenth session

Item 13. Adoption of the report of the twelfth session

Item 14. Closure of the twelfth session